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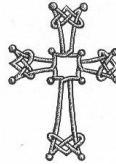
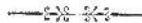
Psalms	8:30 AM
Morning Service	9:00 AM
Holy Badarak	10:00 AM
Bible Readings	Isaiah 36:1-9; Thessalians 1:1-10; Luke 12:13-31

ԿԻՐԱԿԻ, ՆՈՅԵՄԲԵՐ 28, 2021

Սաղմոսներ	8:30
Առաւօտեան ժամ	9:00
Սուրբ Պատարագ	10:00
Ընթերցումներ	Եսայի 36:1-9 Ա Թեսաղոնիկեցիներ 1:1-10; Ղուկաս 12:13-31

ՀՈԳԵՀԱՆԳԻՍՏ – HOKEHANKISD - REQUIEM SERVICEScripture Reading: *Gospel of Mark 4:26-34 (page 58)*For the soul of **Edward Koshgarian**

Requested by Mary Anne Koshgarian and Dn. Larry & Wendy Farsakian

For the soul of **Joy Nazarian****ALİAR FLOWERS WERE DONATED
IN MEMORY OF EDWARD KOSHGARIAN****PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK**

Alexander Adajian	Nargez Hamayak Fred	Dn. Hagop Papazian
Saro Anbarchian	Harburg	Nanci Perkhaus
Andre, Servant of God	Araxie Hardy	Sofia Petrosyan
Fr. Thomas Baima	Dn. Garabed Hardy	Surpik Simon
Naringul Caliscan	Jorayr Krikorian	Vigen Ter-Avakian
Carolyn Conger	Robert Lapointe	Milan Thakkar
Seda Dilanjian	Melina Loloyan	Terre Tuzzolino
Rick Gergerian	Pat McCoy	Kary Valenziano
Vartges Goorji	Cassandra Mitchell	Dina Youna
Michael Green	Varvara Movsesyan	Carla Ziegler

If you know of anyone that needs our special prayers, please call the church office (847) 864-6263 or Der Hovhan (847) 644-7389 so that their names can be included on this list or if a name should be removed.

PRAY FOR THE PRISONERS OF WAR

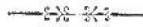
Please, pray for the speedy return of the prisoners of war being held by the unjust enemy.

Յաղագս հարց եւ եղբարց մերոց, որք ի գերութեան են եւ ի չար
ծառայութեան, զՏէր աղաչեսցուք: *Տէ՛ր, ողորմեա՛:*

For our brothers and sisters who are in captivity and in evil servitude,
let us beseech the Lord. *Lord, Have mercy.*

FASTING FOR HOLY COMMUNION

The Holy Communion is one of the important sacraments for the salvation of Christians and for the nourishment of our souls. Holy Communion is a sacrament by which the believer receives Christ's Body and Blood in the form of bread and wine for remission of sins and the reception of eternal life. It is offered to the faithful during the celebration of Badarak. For person in good health, it is necessary to fast, abstain from food and participate in the sacrament of Confession before receiving Holy Communion. For those of ill health who are on special medication, a light breakfast is permitted. For the evening Badarak, fasting should begin after the midday meal and continue until the evening Badarak has been celebrated.



MAS

MAS (Antidoron) is very thin unleavened bread of wheat, of any reasonable size making it possible to be baked on a metal tray. It can be made by any member of the congregation. It is distributed after the Liturgy to those of the congregation who have not received communion. It is customary to take mas to the members of one's family and to friends, who have been unable to attend the Liturgy. *Mas* symbolizes the bond of love among the members of the church.

Mas, meaning "a portion", represents the remaining part of the loaf which the faithful used to bring to Church in ancient times to be used as bread for the Eucharist. A fraction (*nshkhar*) of this loaf was taken to consecration, while the remainder was distributed among the congregation at the end of the Liturgy.

Tiran Abp. Nersoyan,
"Divine Liturgy of the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church"

FEAST OF THE APOSTLES STS. THADDEUS AND BARTHOLOMEW

Sunday, December 5, 2021

Divine Liturgy begins at 10:00 am

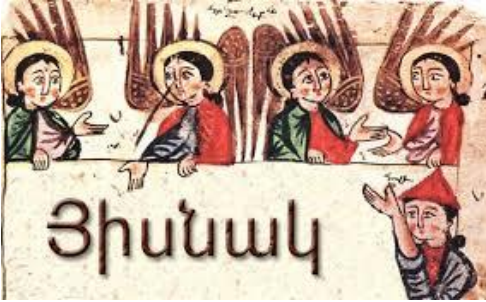
Prayer of intercession

Veneration of the relics of Sts. Thaddeus and Bartholomew

FEASTS AND FASTS

ADVENT

"Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand." (James 5:8)



Advent means “coming”—the coming of Christ. In Armenian it is called *Hisnag* from the word for “fifty.” It is the 50-day period during which we prepare to celebrate the Nativity and Theophany of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is a time for us to think of the why of Christmas—why the greeting cards,

the decorations, the gifts, the family gatherings? A time to look within our hearts to see if there is anything that stands between us and the Good News of Jesus’ birth.

During Advent, we can rededicate ourselves to Christ through our actions, thoughts, and prayers. This is a good time for us to improve our habits and offer them as gifts to God. Perhaps Advent can also be an occasion to discover God’s gifts all around us. We need to have an open heart to receive Christ—God’s greatest gift of all! We complain that Christmas is too “commercial,” but there is a way to live out the real “reason for the season.”

Feasts During *Hisnag*

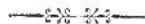
The Armenian Church celebrates a number of feasts and observes some important commemorations during the 50 days of *Hisnag*.

The Feast of the Presentation of the Holy Virgin to the Temple, as it has a fixed date, is celebrated on November 21st, even if it falls within the week of the fasting. On such occasions, the feast is celebrated liturgically, but the fasting prevails in dietary matters.

The same practice is also observed during the Feast of the Conception of the Holy Virgin by St. Anna, which is always celebrated on December 9th. During the *Hisnag* we commemorate some of the important and major saints of the Christian Church. Among them are the 4th-century founders of Christian theology St. Gregory the Wonderworker and St. Basil of Caesarea; the Holy Apostles Thaddeus and Bartholomew, the enlighteners of Armenia; the Egyptian fathers; the early bishops of the church, such as St. Clemens, St. Ignatius, St. Polycarpus, St. Nicholas; St. James of Nisibis; and at the very end of the year, King David commemorated as a prophet; the Holy Apostle James, Brother of the Lord; St. Stephen the Protomartyr; the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul; the Holy Apostles James and John, both of them surnamed as Sons of Thunder.

FEASTS AND FASTS

Monday, November 29	Commemoration of the Holy Juliana and Basilla, Indus, Domna, Clerius the Elder and the 20,000 of the church of Nicodemia who were burned by fire
Tuesday, November 30	Commemoration of Saints Lucian the Priest, Tarachus, Probus, Andronicus, Onesimus, and other Disciples of Saint Paul
Wednesday, December 1	Fast
Thursday, December 2	Commemoration of Clement the Bishop and Bagarat the Bishop of Taormina
Friday, December 3	Fast
Saturday, December 4	Commemoration of Saints Thaddeus and Bartholomew, Apostles and First Enlighteners of Armenia



NAME DAY CELEBRATIONS

Whenever you know a friend or loved one whose Name Day/Feast Day is soon to be celebrated, honor the person by presenting them with a lit candle saying, "*Anoonovut abrees*" or "*Anoonovut dzeranas*" ("May you grow old with your name"). Or you can simply say, "Happy Name Day!"

NAME DAY celebrated this week: *Julianne, Juliana, Vasilouhi, Basilla (November 29), Luke, Andronik (November 30), Clement, Bagrat (December 2), Thaddeus, Bartholomew (December 4).*

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES



Sunday, November 28	Sunday School at 12:30 pm
Sunday, November 28	Bell Choir rehearsal at 1 pm
Tuesday, November 30	Vemkar via Zoom at 6 pm "Praying Through Thephany" with Dn. Eric Vozzy
Wednesday, December 1	Healing Prayer at 8 pm
Saturday, December 4	Little Saints at 10 am
Saturday, December 4	Evening Prayer Service. Vespers

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Եսայու մարգարեությունը 36:1-9

1 Այնպես պատահեց, որ Եգեկիայի թագաւորութեան տասնչորսերորդ տարում Ասորեստանի Սենեքերիմ արքան յարձակուեց Հրէաստանի ամուր քաղաքների վրայ եւ գրաւեց: 2 Ասորեստանի արքան Լաբիսից մեծ զօրքով Երուսաղէմ, Եգեկիա արքայի մօտ ուղարկեց Ռափսակին, որը եկաւ կանգ առաւ Կտաւ սպիտակեցնողների ագարակի ճանապարհի վերեւի աւազանի ջրմուղի մօտ: 3 Նրան ներկայացան Քեղկիայի որդի Եդիակիմը, որը հազարապետն էր, գրագիր Սոմնապը, որ հրովարտական էր գրում, եւ Ասափի որդի Յովաքը, որը ատենադպիրն էր: 4 Ռափսակը նրանց ասաց. «Գնացէք յայտնեցէ՛ք Եգեկիային, որ այսպէս է ասում Ասորեստանի մեծ արքան. “Ո՛ւմ վրայ ես յոյս դրել. 5 խորհրդով կամ բերանի խօսքերով պատերազմի հարց կլուծուի՞. իսկ հիմա ո՛ւմ վրայ ես յոյս դրել, որ չես հնազանդում ինձ: 6 Ահա դու յոյսդ դրել ես ջախջախուած եղեգնեայ ցուպի՝ եգիպտացու վրայ, որին եթէ որեւէ մէկը յենուի, պիտի խորտակուի, եւ այն պիտի ընկնի ձեռքից. ահա այդպիսին է Եգիպտոսի փարաւոն արքան ամէնքի համար, որոնք ապաւինել են նրան”: 7 Իսկ եթէ ասէք, թէ՛ մեր Տէր Աստծուն ենք ապաւինել, ապա մի՞թէ դա նա չէ, որի բարձրադիր մեհեաններն ու զոհասեղանները Եգեկիան քանդեց եւ Հրէաստանին ու Երուսաղէմին հրաման տուեց, որ միայն իր առջեւ գտնուող զոհասեղանին երկրպագութիւն մատուցեն: 8 Դէ ուրեմն, եկէք միացէ՛ք իմ տիրոջը՝ Ասորեստանի արքային, եւ ես ձեզ երկու հազար երիվար կտամ, եթէ դուք կարողանաք դրանց համար հեծեալներ տալ: 9 Եւ դուք, որ յոյս էք դրել Եգիպտոսի վրայ, նրանց հեծեալների ու երիվարների վրայ, ինչպէ՛ս պիտի կարողանաք կռուել իմ տիրոջ աշխարհակալ զօրապետներից որեւէ մէկի հետ:

Պողոս առաքյալի Ա թուղթը թեսաղոնիկեցիներին 1:1-10

Պօղոս, Սիդուանոս եւ Տիմոթէոս, Թեսաղոնիկեցիներու եկեղեցիին՝ Հայր Աստուծոյ ու Տէր Յիսուս Քրիստոսով շնորհք եւ խաղաղութիւն ձեզի Աստուծմէ՛ մեր Հօրմէն, ու Տէր Յիսուս Քրիստոսէ: Ամէն ատեն շնորհակալ կ'ըլլանք Աստուծմէ՛ ձեր բոլորին համար, յիշելով ձեզ մեր աղօթքներուն մէջ, Յանդադար յիշելով ձեր հաւատքին գործը, սիրոյ աշխատանքը, եւ մեր Տէրոջ՝ Յիսուս Քրիստոսի յոյսին համբերութիւնը՝ Աստուծոյ ու մեր Հօր առջեւ, 4գիտնալով՝ սիրելի եղբայրներ՝ թէ Աստուած ընտրեց ձեզ: 5Որովհետեւ մեր աւետարանը քարոզուեցաւ ձեզի ո՛չ միայն խօսքով, այլ նաեւ զօրութեամբ, Սուրբ Հոգիով ու լման վստահութեամբ: Դո՛ւք ալ գիտէք թէ ի՛նչպէս կեցանք ձեր մէջ՝ ձեզի համար, ճեւ դուք նմանեցաք մեզի ու Տէրոջ, ընդունելով խօսքը շատ տառապանքի մէջ՝ Սուրբ Հոգիին ուրախութեամբ: 7Հետեւաբար դուք տիպար եղաք բոլոր հաւատացեալներուն՝ որ Մակեդոնիայի եւ Աքայիայի մէջ են, ճորովիւ հետեւ ո՛չ միայն Մակեդոնիայի եւ Աքայիայի մէջ հռչակուեցաւ Տէրոջ խօսքը ձեզմէ, այլ նաեւ ամէն տեղ տարածուեցաւ Աստուծոյ վրայ ձեր ունեցած հաւատքը,

այնպէս որ պետք չունինք որեւէ բան խօսելու. 9բանի որ իրենք իրենցմէ կը պատմեն մեր մասին, թէ ինչպիսի՝ մուտք ունեցանք ձեր մէջ, եւ ի՛նչպէս դուք կուռքերէն դարձաք Աստուծոյ՝ ապրող ու ճշմարիտ Աստուծոյ ծառայելու համար, 10եւ երկինքէն սպասելու անոր Որդիին՝ որ ինք մեռելներէն յարուցանեց, այսինքն Յիսուսի, որ կ'ազատէ մեզ գալիք բարկութենէն:

Դուկաս 12:13-31

եւ ձեռքը դրաւ անոր վրայ: Ան անմիջապէս շտկուեցաւ, ու փառաբանեց Աստուած: 14Քանի որ Յիսուս բուժեց Շաբաթ օրը, ժողովարանին պետը ընդվզելով ըսաւ բազմութեան. «Վեց օր կայ՝ որոնց մէջ պետք է գործէք. ուրեմն ա՛յդ օրերը եկէք ու բուժուեցէք, ո՛չ թէ Շաբաթ օրը»: 15Ուստի Տէրը պատասխանեց անոր. «Կեղծաւո՛ր, ձեզմէ իւրաքանչիւրը Շաբաթ օրը իր եզը կամ էշը մտուրէն չ'արձակէր, որպէսզի տանի՝ ջուր տայ: 16Հապա ասիկա՝ որ Աբրահամի աղջիկ էր, եւ ահա՛ տասնութ տարի Սատանան կապած էր զայն, պետք չէ՛ր որ Շաբաթ օրը արձակուէր այդ կապէն»: 17Երբ այս բաները ըսաւ, իր բոլոր հակառակորդները ամօթահար եղան. իսկ ամբողջ բազմութիւնը ուրախացաւ այն բոլոր փառաւոր գործերուն համար՝ որ ան կը կատարէր: 18Եւ ըսաւ. «Ի՛նչ բանի նման է Աստուծոյ թագաւորութիւնը , կամ ի՛նչ բանի նմանցնեմ զայն: 19Նման է մանանեխի հատիկի մը, որ մարդ մը առաւ՝ իր պարտեզը ցանեց. եւ աճեցաւ, մեծ ծառ մը եղաւ, ու երկինքի թռչունները բնակեցան անոր ճիւղերուն վրայ»: 20Դարձեալ ըսաւ. «Ի՛նչ բանի նմանցնեմ Աստուծոյ թագաւորութիւնը: 21Նման է խմորին, որ կին մը առաւ ու երեք գրիւ ալիւրի մէջ պահեց, մինչեւ որ ամբողջը խմորուեցաւ»: 22Եւ քաղաքներն ու գիւղերը շրջելով՝ կը սորվեցնէր, եւ դէպի Երուսաղէմ կը ճամբորդէր: 23Մէկը ըսաւ անոր. «Տէ՛ր, քիչուո՛ր են անոնք՝ որ պիտի փրկուին»: 24Ան ալ ըսաւ անոնց. «Պայքարեցէ՛ք՝ որ մտնէք նեղ դռնէն. քանի որ կ'ըսեմ ձեզի թէ շատե՛ր պիտի ջանան մտնել՝ բայց պիտի չկարողանան: 25Անկէ ետք՝ երբ տանուտերը ոտքի ելլէ, գոցէ դուռը եւ դուք մնաք դուրսը, ու սկսիք բախել դուռը եւ ըսել. “Տէ՛ր, Տէ՛ր, բա՛ց մեզի”, ան ալ պիտի պատասխանէ ձեզի. “Չեմ ճանչնար ձեզ, ուրկէ՛ էք”: 26Այն ատեն պիտի սկսիք ըսել. “Մենք քու առջեւդ կերանք ու խմեցինք, եւ դուն մեր հրապարակներուն մէջ սորվեցուցիր”: 27Բայց ան պիտի ըսէ. “Կ'ըսեմ ձեզի. “Չեմ ճանչնար ձեզ, ուրկէ՛ էք. հեռացէ՛ք ինձմէ բոլորդ՝ անիրաւութիւն գործողներ””: 28Հոն պիտի ըլլայ լաց ու ակռաներու կրճատում , երբ տեսնէք Աբրահամը, Իսահակը, Յակոբը եւ բոլոր մարգարէները՝ Աստուծոյ թագաւորութեան մէջ, իսկ դուք՝ դուրս հանուած: 29Այնտեղ պիտի գան արեւելքէն եւ արեւմուտքէն, հիւսիսէն ու հարաւէն, եւ պիտի բազմին Աստուծոյ թագաւորութեան մէջ: 30Ու ահա՛ յետիններ կան՝ որոնք պիտի ըլլան առաջին, եւ առաջիններ՝ որոնք պիտի ըլլան յետին»: 31Նոյն օրը քանի մը Փարիսեցիներ եկան քովը եւ ըսին իրեն. «Ելի՛ր ու հեռացի՛ր ասկէ, որովհետեւ Հերովդէս կ'ուզէ սպաննել քեզ»:

Isaiah 36:1-9

1Now in the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah, Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the fortified cities of Judah and seized them. 2And the king of Assyria sent Rabshakeh from Lachish to Jerusalem to King Hezekiah with a large

army. And he stood by the conduit of the upper pool on the highway of the fuller's field. 3Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph, the recorder, came out to him. 4Then Rabshakeh said to them, "Say now to Hezekiah, 'Thus says the great king, the king of Assyria, "What is this confidence that you have? 5'I say, 'Your counsel and strength for the war are only empty words.' Now on whom do you rely, that you have rebelled against me? 6"Behold, you rely on the staff of this crushed reed, *even* on Egypt, on which if a man leans, it will go into his hand and pierce it. So is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all who rely on him. 7"But if you say to me, 'We trust in the LORD our God,' is it not He whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah has taken away and has said to Judah and to Jerusalem, 'You shall worship before this altar'? 8"Now therefore, come make a bargain with my master the king of Assyria, and I will give you two thousand horses, if you are able on your part to set riders on them. 9"How then can you repulse one official of the least of my master's servants and rely on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen?

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

1 Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians which is in God the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. 2 We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; 3 Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father; 4 Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God. 5 For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake. 6 And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost: 7 So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia. 8 For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing. 9 For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; 10 And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

Luke 13:13-31

13 And one of the company said unto him, Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me. 14 And he said unto him, Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you? 15 And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. 16 And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: 17 And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? 18 And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. 19 And I will say to my soul,

Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. 20 But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? 21 So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God. 22 And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on. 23 The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment. 24 Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls? 25 And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit? 26 If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest? 27 Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 28 If then God so clothe the grass, which is to day in the field, and tomorrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith? 29 And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind. 30 For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. 31 But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

- Monday:** Song of Solomon 8:14 (six additional verses); Hosea 14:6-8; 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1; Luke 8:1-3
- Tuesday:** Wisdom 9:9-12; Isaiah 41:15-19; 2 Corinthians 2"14-17; Luke 6:13-20
- Wednesday:** 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12; Luke 8:1-3
- Thursday:** Proverbs 8:33-36; Isaiah 66:18-21; Philippians 4:1-7; Luke 9:1-6
- Friday:** 1 Thessalonians 2:17-19; Luke 12:49-59
- Saturday:** Wisdom 9:13-10:2; Jeremiah 16:16-19; 1 Corinthians 12:26-13:10; Matthew 9:35-10:7

"So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ."

Romans 10:17

LITTLE SAINTS

St. James Armenian Church invites you
to join us on the first Saturday of each month
at 10:00 am for 45 minute session on

Saturday, December 4, 2021

(more dates in 2020 will be announced soon)

All children, birth to age four, are welcome to join us for our monthly interactive lesson led by Fr. Hovhan.

Little Saints is a parish ministry geared toward children from birth to age four. This program has two goals:

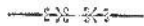
1. to bring our youngest children (ages 0-4) into our church so that they feel comfortable and welcome in the Sanctuary,
2. to have parents participate while getting to know one another in order to foster community.

For questions, e-mail church office at office@stjamesevanston.org
or the program coordinator Mrs. Rani Yousefzai at raniyousefzai@gmail.com.

OUTREACH

PILL BOTTLES WILL NO LONGER BE COLLECTED

Pill bottles will no longer be collected at St. James. Thank you for all of your generous contributions over the past few years. The local organization that was collecting pill bottles for Haiti has ended their project and expressed their thanks. Please recycle your pill bottles with your regular home recycling.

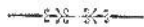


FAMILY PROMISE

Our Outreach Project, FAMILY PROMISE, is in need of donations of breakfast, lunch or dinner for needy families. For more information and to sign up, please go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0e4baea62ba64-family>.

Meals may be prepared at home or sent in from a local restaurant and should be delivered to Family Promise Day Center, 1417 Hinman Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201.

Thank you for your generosity.



PARISHIONERS IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE

If you know a parishioner in need of assistance please contact our church office at 847-864-6263 or email Der Hovhan derhovhan@gmail.com.

SERVICE ACCESIBILITY

The St. James parish is working hard to make our church accessible to those with special needs. Over the last several years we were able to discover ways to meet the needs of those that are mobility challenged. We welcome your suggestions in areas which we could further improve your worship experience.

We would like to remind our parishioners that:

- A stair lift is available at the side entrance of the church. If assistance is needed, please ask a member of the Parish Council.
- Large print Sunday bulletin and other worship materials are available in the sanctuary.
- There is a handicapped parking spot in front of the building.
- Additionally you can park in the parking spot next to the main staircase. (Note: Signs say “Reserved for pastor only”. Please disregard.)

A sacramental visit by our pastor Der Hayr can also be arranged. If you wish Der Hayr to visit you or a friend or family member, please contact the church office or Der Hayr.

PHOEBE VISITING MINISTRY

“I was sick and you visited me . . .” (Matthew 25:36)

Join the Visiting Ministers and take friendship and care to someone who cannot attend church. The mission of the Phoebe Visiting Ministry of St. James is to reach out to fellow parishioners to ensure that each person among us is known, loved, and cared for. This is especially true of those who, temporarily or for long periods, cannot get out to enjoy the church community.

If you notice that a familiar face has not been in church for a while, either reach out to them if you know them or contact Der Hovhan. If you know of someone who is sick or infirmed, please let the church office know at 847-864-6263.

If you would like to participate in the Phoebe Visiting Ministry of St. James please contact Der Hovhan at derhovhan@gmail.com or (847) 644-7389.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE SUGGESTION

Have you ever had a desire to make an impact on others, but weren't sure how? Have you ever thought about hosting a Sunday Fellowship Table following a *hokehankisd*, but didn't want to do all the preparation?

The St. James Outreach Committee would like to suggest that you make a \$100 donation to FAR. That \$100 would be used to serve a *madagh* (sacrificial) meal at the soup kitchen for underprivileged Armenians in Armenia.

If you have questions or need more information, please contact Der Hovhan or check out www.farusa.org or www.weareayo.org.

YOUTH

2022 ST. NERSESS YOUNG ADULT WINTER CONFERENCE

St. Nersess Armenian Seminary, Armonk, NY

Sunday, January 2 – Thursday, January 6

The conference will conclude with the celebration of Armenian Christmas
Badarak at St. Vartan Cathedral

Open to all young adults, ages 18-25

Space is limited! Please register here: <https://tinyurl.com/SNAS2022WC>

Tuition/Room/Board: \$225

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY via ZOOM

Every Monday at 7 PM

Meeting ID: 915 7898 1187

CIT & STAFF WINTER TRAINING WEEKEND

Registrations are streaming in for our special CIT & Staff Winter Training Weekend! Gather your fellow camp leaders and **register by December 15** to secure your spot!

If you will be a CIT (16-17 by the start of the camp week) or a Staff member (18+ by the start of the camp week) next summer, we welcome you to join us for this unique training weekend to help prepare you for the upcoming 2022 summer camp season.

Please note: This weekend is NOT mandatory, and it will NOT replace the Staff Training program that takes place directly before the start of camp.

Register by December 15: <https://tinyurl.com/2022campsWTW>



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ST. JAMES SUNDAY SCHOOL

Every Sunday at 12:30 pm

Our No. 1 priority is to keep our children and their families safe and healthy. We will offer both in-person and online “Zoom” experiences, while maintaining social-distance, wearing face masks and taking other precautions during the pandemic.

VEMKAR PRESENTS ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Vemkar is very excited to announce the launch of our Adult Christian Education program! This 12-part online live session series aims to shepherd the faithful of the Armenian Church into mature disciples of Christ. Every Tuesday from September 21 to December 14, a session will be held by an expert member of our Diocesan body concerning all aspects of adult Christian life. Bring your Bible, a prayerful attitude, and let us all build in our knowledge of Christ!
<https://vemkar.us/adult-christian-education>

TUESDAY. NOVEMBER 30 “PRAYING THROUGH THEOPHANY”

Dn. Eric Vozzy

The Feast of Theophany as an “octave” lasts not just one day on January 6, but for eight days, beginning January 6. Thus, the Armenian Church tradition possesses numerous prayers and hymns dedicated to the birth and baptism of Jesus Christ. How can these prayers be applied to our daily life as we recall our own baptismal vows and the promises made by us to God.

WORD OF GOD THROUGH THE ARTS

4 SESSION BIBLE STUDY:

Word of God on canvas, in literature, in music, in poetry.

Led by Fr. Hovhan

Thursdays, October 14, November 11,
December 9, 2021 and January 13, 2022

7 - 8 PM

via Zoom

PARISH COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH BELLS PROJECT



The Parish Council of Saint James Armenian Church in Evanston, IL, at Der Hovhan's behest and guidance, has made the decision to install electronic bells in our renovated steeple. These digital bells have a beautiful sound. The manufacturer has reproduced bell sounds that are unmatched in fidelity of tone. Most people think they are hearing real bells! The set will have a keyboard, computer, software and outdoor speakers, and is easy to operate.

We ask *not* for your *donation* but in fact your *participation* in this historic project, and **we want every family, when they hear the toll, to feel that they were involved in the acquiring of these bells.**

To put the cost into perspective, if each of the 250 families that call St. James their spiritual home donated \$20, we would raise the \$5K cost of the complete set. We are hoping to install the bells in December and ring them during the Church's Name Day on December 18.

Please make your check made payable to St. James, or make a donation online through our secure website www.stjamesevanston.org. We ask that your generous contributions be made by December 1, 2021.

MASK AND SIGN UP UPDATES

It continues to be a joy and a blessing to see so many of you at St. James! Cook County continues to have a mask mandate for indoor gatherings, due to the still-rising rate of Covid diagnoses in our area and the highly infectious Delta variant. **Therefore, for now, St. James will re-institute an indoor mask requirement when indoors at our church, even for those who are fully vaccinated.** Last Sunday, many of you were wearing masks, and we appreciate your caution at this uncertain time. **Also, for now, we are re-instituting the requirement that parishioners sign in when they enter the church.** This is so that we have a record of attendance in the unfortunate event that we need to do Covid contact tracing. And as always, we ask that if you have had a temperature in the past 72 hours, or if you have recently been exposed to someone who has been diagnosed with Covid-19, for the safety of your fellow parishioners please do not attend church. We very much hope that the current situation will improve in a few weeks and we will be able to once again give parishioners the opportunity to attend without wearing face coverings.

Thank you to all of our parishioners who have made it possible for St. James to conduct safe and welcoming services. We are looking forward to worshipping with you in the Holy Sanctuary of St. James in Evanston!

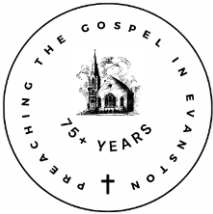
HELP NEEDED

St. James' long-time office assistant Irina Petrosyan is moving to New York, and we wish her well in her new endeavors! St. James is looking for a new office assistant. Responsibilities include assisting Der Hovhan with preparation and printing of the weekly bulletin, mailings to parishioners, monitoring office supplies, maintaining parishioner contact information in our database, and other possible responsibilities subject to discussion with the pastor and parish council. Hours per week are subject to discussion but typically we would need at least 5 hours per week. Interested candidates, or parishioners who know someone who may be interested, should contact Der Hovhan or PC Chair Gevik Anbarchian

STEEPLE REPAIR PROJECT

We have been informed by ComEd and the City of Evanston that work will be performed on our block of Clark Street, in front of and near the church, to improve the reliability and coverage of the Verizon Wireless Network in the area and to replace a lightpole and certain underground wiring. The work is scheduled to be performed Mondays through Thursdays from 7:30am through 5:00pm for about one month. Work signs and barricades will be posted in the areas where there will be trucks and equipment, and there will be temporary parking restrictions during working hours. At present we do not expect any impact to parking in front of the church on Sundays, but as the work proceeds, we will keep you informed.

CELEBRATING 75th (PLUS 1!) ANNIVERSARY



St. James is pleased to invite you to our 75th (plus 1!) anniversary weekend, December 17 to 19, 2021, with our Primate Bishop Daniel Findikyan presiding. More information to follow, but please save the date for these joyous events:

Saturday, December 18

10:00 am Divine Liturgy with Bishop Daniel

Findikyan presiding and guest celebrants and homilists,
and featuring our Bell Choir. Coffee and dessert to follow.

7:00 pm Concert at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, Evanston, to include
performance by Marta Aznavoorian, presentation by Bishop
Daniel, and awards for St. James Parishioners
Free Will Offering
Reception after the performance and program

Sunday, December 19

10:00 am Divine Liturgy and Ordination of three acolytes, with Bishop
Daniel as celebrant
Coffee and dessert to follow

We look forward to celebrating with everyone!

ALTAR FLOWERS

Please consider donating flowers to adorn the Holy Altar. You may either bring flowers or make a monetary donation towards the purchase.

HOME BLESSING

All parishioners who wish to have their homes blessed should call Der Hovhan (847) 644-7389 to make arrangements. Have a piece of bread, dish of salt and glass of water available for the blessing.

ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL 2021

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